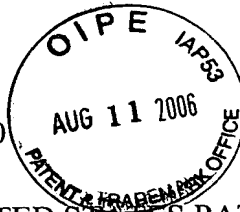


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SIR:

In response to the Advisory Action dated July 31, 2006, and in further response to the Final Rejection dated April 19, 2006, Applicants respectfully request reexamination and reconsideration of the application in light of the remarks that follow.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.